

REMARKS

Amendment s to the claims

Claims 1-15 are pending in the present application. Applicants have canceled claims 1 and 3-15, and added new claims 16-35. New claims 16-35 are supported by the specification and drawings as filed. In particular, claims 16 and 26 are supported by Figures 2 and 3 and related portions of the specification. No new matter has been added.

New claims 16 and 26

New claim 16 recites that *"the flat display stands on a surface by way of the main body and the first stand when the second stand is detached from the first stand, and the flat display stands on the surface only by way of the second stand when the first and second stands are connected"*. New claim 26 recites that *"the flat display stands on a surface by way of the main body and the first stand when the second stand is detached from the first stand, and the flat display stands on the surface only by way of the second stand when the first stand is housed in the second stand."* Applicants submit that claims 16 and 26 are novel over Westland and Huang for the reasons that follow.

Westland (U. S. Patent No. 5, 366, 197)

As shown in Figs. 1-4 of Westland, the plate 56 of the copyholder is stably supported by both the front leg 14 and the rear leg 16. In other words, the copyholder cannot stand on a surface without any of the front leg 14 and rear leg 16. Hence, it is submitted that Westland fails to teach or suggest that *"the flat display stands on a surface by way of the main body and the first stand when the second stand is detached from the first stand"* (emphasis added). Moreover, it is also submitted that Westland fails to disclose that *"the flat display stands on the surface only by way of the second stand"* (emphasis added) as disclosed in claims 16 and 26.

Therefore it is Applicants' belief that claims 16 and 26 are novel over Westland.

Claims 2 and 17-25 depend on claim16. Claims 27-35 depend on claim 26. Therefore, these claims are also novel over Westland by virtue of their dependency on claims 16 and 26.

Huang (U.S. Patent No. 6,478, 275)

Column 4, lines 23-25 of Huang recites that "it is to be noted that the arm 30 and the lever 40 form the two parallel sides of the parallelogrammic structure of the support device, and the lengths of the arm 30 and the lever 40 will not be changed". In other words, the arm 30 and the lever 40 in Huang are pivotally secured to form a parallelogrammic structure. However, it is submitted that Huang fails to teach how bracket 20 is supported only by the arm 30 or the lever 40. It is also submitted that Huang fails to disclose that "*the flat display stands on a surface by way of the main body and the first stand when the second stand is detached from the first stand*". Therefore it is Applicants' belief that the lever 40 and the arm 30 do not correspond to the first and second stands recited in claims 16 and 26 of the present invention.

Therefore it is Applicants' belief that claims 16 and 26 are novel over Westland.

Claims 2 and 17-25 depend on claim16. Claims 27-35 depend on claim 26. Therefore, these claims are also novel over Huang by virtue of their dependency on claims 16 and 26.

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